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pump 13 will remain on until sensor 3 reports a second predetermined temperature slightly above the first predetermined temperature. However, in the preferred embodiment of the present invention, sensor 5 is no longer part of the freeze control system. Instead, sensor 5 is used only to shut off heater 9 when the temperature at heater 9 gets too hot (approximately 119 deg. F.).

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On page 5, please replace the paragraph that starts under the heading "Second Preferred Embodiment" with the following paragraph:

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A second preferred embodiment is seen by reference to FIGS. 3, 4 and 5. In the second preferred embodiment, sensor 17 is attached directly to printed circuit board (PCB) 12A inside spa controller 12, as shown in FIGS 4 and 5. In the second preferred embodiment, spa controller 12 is model number SSPA, manufactured by Gecko Electronique with offices in Quebec City, Quebec, Canada. By attaching sensor 17 directly to PCB 12A, a substantial cost savings is realized in that the expense of mounting sensor 17 at another location near spa 2's piping (as was shown in the first preferred embodiment) is avoided. In other words, when sensor 17 is mounted on PCB 12A, funds that would be spent on cabling, housing and connectors are saved. However, it should be noted that when sensor 17 is mounted to PCB 12A, sensor 17 is exposed not only to ambient air temperature, but also to the temperature of the area around PCB 12A which is heated by the other components also attached to PCB 12A. Hence, a correction factor needs to be programmed into spa controller 12 to account for the heat generated by spa controller 12's components. Through experimentation for spa controller 12 model number SSPA, Applicants have determined the following correlation shown in Table 2:

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On page 11, replace the paragraph under the heading "ABSTRACT" with the following paragraph:

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A freeze control system for a spa maintains the temperature of the water inside the spa and the spa's associated piping above the freezing level. Elements include: 1) a heating element for heating the water, 2) at least one pump for pumping the heated water, 3) a